

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Objections

Claim 13 was objected to as falling out of the scope of claim 1. *Claim 13 is canceled* and the applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of canceled claim 13 in a continuation application.

35 USC § 112

Claims 1-4, 7-17, and 19-25 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The applicant disagrees, but nevertheless has *canceled claims 1-4, 7-17, and 19-25 without prejudice*. The applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of canceled claims 1-4, 7-17, and 19-25 in a continuation application.

35 USC § 102/103

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 were rejected under 35 USC § 102/103 as being anticipated, or in the alternative, as being obvious over Rando et al. The applicant disagrees, but nevertheless has *canceled claims 1-4 and 6-10 without prejudice*. The applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of canceled claims 1-4 and 6-10 in a continuation application.

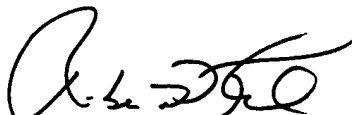
Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 11-12, 14-17, and 19-25 were allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of any intervening claims. The applicant agrees and has *amended claims 11-12, 14-17, and 19-25 according to the Examiner's request*.

The applicant believes that the present claim amendments are sufficient to overcome the Examiner's concerns and believes that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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